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SUBJ: SENEGALESE PROPOSAL FOR ADDITION TO ICAO ASSEMBLY
AGENDA OF ITEM "REVIEW OF THE SYSTEM FOR ELECTING
COUNCIL MEMBERS"

FOR US REP ICAO

1. DEPT VERY MUCH CONCERNED OVER SENEGALESE ATTEMPT
CHANGE ASSEMBLY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF ICAO
COUNCIL MEMBERS BEFORE NEXT ELECTION TAKES PLACE AT 1974
ASSEMBLY. IN VIEW OF EXTREMELY BELATED CIRCULATION
OF THIS PROPOSAL, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE OR HAVE SOME OTHER
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSE THAT THIS ITEM BE POSTPONED
UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION OF COUNCIL. IF NECESSARY TO
ACCOMPLISH THIS, YOU MAY ADVOCATE THAT THE US PROPOSALS IN
C-WP/5904 ALSO BE POSTPONED.

2. IN ORDER BRING ABOUT POSTPONEMENT YOU MAY POINT OUT:

(A) WE HAVE SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION-
ALITY OF THE SENEGALESE PROPOSAL IN RELATION TO

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ARTICLE 50(B) OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION. THE FIRST

TWO CRITERIA FOR ELECTION OF STATES TO THE COUNCIL
CALL FOR ELECTION OF STATES OF CHIEF IMPORTANCE IN
AIR TRANSPORT AND MAJOR PROVIDERS OF INTERNATIONAL
AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES. THE THIRD CRITERION,

ASSURANCE THAT ALL MAJOR GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE
WORLD ARE REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL, ONLY COMES INTO
PLAY AFTER PARTS A) AND B) OF THE ELECTION HAVE TAKEN
PLACE.

(B) THE STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF
CONTRACTING STATES TO COUNCIL WERE ADOPTED BY THE
ASSEMBLY IN 1952 AND 1962 ONLY AFTER THOROUGH STUDIES
BY THE COUNCIL AND THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED
WITH REGARD TO ANY FUTURE CHANGES IN THE RULES. KISSING
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